

REMARKS/AMENDMENTS

Claims 1-28 were pending in this application; of which claims 12-26 have previously been withdrawn as a result of an earlier restriction requirement with applicants reserving the right to file one or more divisional or continuation application directed to subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Claims 1, 3, 7-8, 10 and 27 are amended.

Accordingly, claims 1-11 and 27-28 remain.

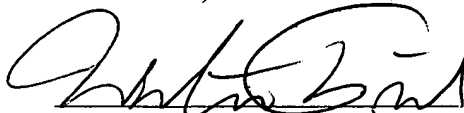
Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's conditional allowance of the pending claims if amended for correcting informalities. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3, 7-8, 10 and 27 for correcting informalities as suggested by the Examiner, and submit that these amendments merely serve to recite more clearly that which was already implicit within the original claims. Applicants believe these claims are now allowable.

Applicants believe no additional claim fees are due in conjunction with this reply, but hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge applicants'/counsel's Credit Account as identified in the Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038), as submitted concurrently with this amendment, for any other fees that may be required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Patent Office.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request the allowance of claims 1-11 and 27-28 and the same for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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